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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: TANZANIAN MEDIA COMMENTARY ON HOVE  
EPISODE

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1. SUMMARY. TANGOV-CONTROLLED MEDIA HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE  
ATTENTION TO DISMISSAL OF BYRON HOVE AS CO-MINISTER OF JUSTICE,  
LAW AND ORDER IN SALISBURY REGIME. PRESS EDITORIAL TREATMENT  
OF HOVE EPISODE REFLECTS TANGOV VIEW THAT SALISBURY SETTLEMENT  
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IS A SHAM AND THAT ITS COLLAPSE IS INEVITABLE. SITHOLE AND  
CHIRAU WERE DESCRIBED AS PUPPETS WHO COLLABORATED IN HOVE'S  
DISMISSAL. SOME HOPE, HOWEVER, WAS STILL HELD OUT FOR MUZOREWA.

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2. EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF APRIL 27 WAS CRITICAL OF HOVE FOR DOING NO MORE THAN COMPLAINING THAT OUTLOOK OF RHODESIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DID NOT REFLECT THE "BROAD INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY." "OUR YOUNG MINISTER" SHOULD HAVE TAKEN "THE INITIATIVE IN RESTRUCTURING ALL THE ORGANS OF POLITICAL DOMINATION." EDITORIAL SAID CRITICISM OF HOVE BY ARMY COMMANDER WALLS AND OTHERS DEMONSTRATED POLICE AND ARMY HAD A POLITICAL FUNCTION IN SMITH'S REGIME. THESE KEY POLITICAL INSTRUMENTS OF THE REGIME WERE OBVIOUSLY OFF LIMITS TO "MUZOREWA, HOVE AND COMPANY."

3. DAILY NEWS ON MAY 1 COMMENTED ON HOVE'S DISMISSAL, SAYING IT HAD EARLIER NOTED THAT HOVE HAD "LEARNED A LITTLE LESSON ON THE NATURE OF THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT. LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT THE LESSON WOULD SOON BE DRIVEN HOME." NOTING THAT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISIONS ARE TO BE REACHED BY CONSENSUS, EDITORIAL WONDERED HOW HOVE COULD HAVE BEEN DISMISSED IF MUZOREWA HAD NOT AGREED. IF MUZOREWA HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED, THEN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT SHAM WAS ALL THE MORE EXPOSED. CHIRAU AND SITHOLE WERE BLASTED FOR THEIR STAND IN THE AFFAIR. "THE CHIEF AND THE REVEREND MIGHT WELL BE WILLING PUPPETS OF IAN SMITH. BUT HOW LONG WILL THE BISHOP CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN FOR A RIDE?"

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4. EDITORIAL IN PARTY DAILY UHURU OF MAY 3 DREW ATTENTION TO HOVE'S PARTING SHOT THAT HIS DISMISSAL EXPOSED SMITH'S PLAN TO USE THE SALISBURY SETTLEMENT TO STRENGTHEN HIS OWN POSITION. EDITORIAL URGED ALL SELF-RESPECTING ZIMBABWEANS TO ISOLATE AND OVERTHROW SMITH.

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